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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE INDIAN OCEAN AS A ZONE OF PEACE

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.31/Rev.1

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. At its 34th meeting, on 16 November 1992, the First Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.31/Rev.1, by a recorded vote of 98 to 3, with 31 abstentions. A statement of programme budget implications was before the Committee in document A/C.1/47/L.49.

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 4 of draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.31/Rev.1, the General Assembly would decide to convene, as early as possible, the Conference on the Indian Ocean at Colombo with the participation of the permanent members of the Security Council and the major maritime users of the Indian Ocean.

3. Under the terms of operative paragraph 6, the General Assembly would request the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean to hold a session during 1993, with a duration of not more than 10 working days.

4. Under the terms of operative paragraph 8, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to continue to render all necessary assistance to the Ad Hoc Committee, including the provision of summary records.

B. Relationship of the request to the approved programme of work

5. The above request is related to major programme I, Maintenance of peace and security, disarmament and decolonization, programme 2, Political and Security Council affairs, subprogramme 2, Services for political and security affairs, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 as proposed for revision. 1/ Related activities were initially programmed and approved under subprogramme 2, Services for political and security affairs, of section 3, Political and Security Council Affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, 2/ responsibility for which was transferred to the Department of Political Affairs following the restructuring of the Secretariat. Proposals for transfer of related resources to section 37, Department of Political Affairs, have been submitted to the General Assembly in the Secretary-General's revised estimates. 3/

C. Activities by which the request would be implemented

6. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, the Secretary-General would undertake the necessary preparation for the servicing of one session of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean in New York in 1993.

7. As regards convening the Conference on the Indian Ocean, it is assumed that this would take place not earlier than 1994. Accordingly, the related requirements would be considered within the framework of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

D. Modifications required in the approved programme of work for 1992-1993

8. The activities called for by the draft resolution would fall under subparagraph 2 (b) of subprogramme 2 of section 3, the activities of which are now the responsibility of the Department of Political Affairs, as indicated in paragraph 5 above. Accordingly, no modifications would be required.

E. Additional requirements at full cost

9. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, it is assumed that the Ad Hoc Committee would hold one session of not more than 10 working days in 1993. The meeting would require the provision of interpretation in the six languages of the General Assembly and translation of pre-session documentation of 7 pages (2 documents), in-session documentation of 10 pages (2 documents) and post-session documentation of 10 pages (1 document), to be issued in the six languages of the General Assembly. In addition, under the provisions of General Assembly resolution 45/238 B of 21 December 1990, the Ad Hoc Committee is entitled to summary records in the six languages of the General Assembly, pending a further decision of the Assembly.

10. The related full cost of provision of conference servicing for a 10-day session in New York in 1993 is estimated at $454,000, as follows:

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I.	Pre-session documentation	
	(7 pages, 2 documents: A,C,E,F,R,S)	8 300
II.	Meeting servicing	
	(Interpretation: A,C,E,F,R,S)	114 800
III.	In-session documentation	
	(10 pages, 2 documents: A,C,E,F,R,S)	11 600
IV.	Post-session documentation	
	(10 pages, 1 document: A,C,E,F,R,S)	10 800
V.	Summary records	
	(10 meetings: A,C,E,F,R,S)	308 500
	Total	454 000

F. Potential for absorption

11. As regards the estimated conference-servicing costs in New York of the meeting called for in the draft resolution and outlined in paragraphs 9 and 10 above, these estimates, totalling $454,000, are based on the theoretical assumption that no part of the conference-servicing requirements would be met from within the permanent conference-servicing capacity under section 41 of the programme budget and that additional resources would be required for temporary assistance for meetings. The extent to which the Organization's permanent capacity needs to be supplemented by temporary assistance resources can be determined only in the light of the final calendar of conferences for 1992-1993. As indicated in paragraph 32.4 of the programme budget, however, the level of resources for temporary assistance for meetings in 1992-1993 was estimated on the basis of previous experience to accommodate not only meetings which are programmed but also additional meetings. In other words, provision was made in the proposed programme budget not only for meetings known at the time of budget preparation but also for meetings that would be authorized subsequently, provided that the number and distribution of meetings and conferences in the biennium 1992-1993 was consistent with the pattern of meetings in past years. On that basis, it is estimated that no additional resources would be required under section 41, Administration and management,

of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 as a result of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.31/Rev.1.

G. Summary

12. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.31/Rev.1, no additional appropriation would be required under section 37 or 41 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

Notes

1/ A/47/6 (Prog. 2) and E/AC.51/L.5/Add.6.

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/46/6/Rev.1), vol. I.

3/ A/C.5/47/2 and Corr.1, para. 82 (c).